Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : If I challenge the member that there are books prescribed which are not published in the Gazette, will the member be pleased to give an answer tomorrow when the Education Demand comes for discussion?

Mr. R. M. Statham : That is a matter for the Chair.

President : That is hypothetical.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know from the member the principle followed in the matter of prescribing the various text-books?

Mr. R. M. Statham : The answer has been given, Sir.

Mr S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know from the member whether in approving books, the Text-Book Committee have followed this principle, *viz.*, the suitability of the books?

Mr. R. M. Statham : Certainly they have.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Therefore, am I to understand, Sir, that the Text-Book Committee have not prescribed books which are not suitable or the least objectionable?

Mr. R. M. Statham : I am afraid that does not follow at all. The Text-Book Committee aprove books for various purposes *viz.*, for libraries, for class use and for teacher's use. To which of them the member refers I do not follow.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : From the list of books approved by the Text-Book Committee, may I know what principle has been followed in the matter of prescribing text-books?

Mr. R. M. Statham : The Text-Book Committee makes a list of books suitable to be prescribed as texts and the Director and Government chose from among them books which are most suitable.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know the principle underlying the selection of text-books which are most suitable?

Mr. R. M. Statham : The underlying principle is to find out books which are most suitable. It is left to the judgment of the Director of Public Instruction and Government.

Appointment of a Malayalam Lecturer in the Arts College.

11. *** Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether one Mr. P. N. Kunjan Pillai B. A. (Hons) Sanskrit of the Annamala University, has been appointed as a Lecturer in Malayalam in H. H. The Maharaja's College of Arts ;

(*b*) whether he has undergone studies in Malayalam for any degree course, and, if so, where ;

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(*c*) when he was appointed ;

(*d*) what is the length of his service in the department ;

(*e*) whether there are teachers available in the Government High Schools of the State who have taken M. A. degrees both in Malayalam and Sanskrit ; and

(*f*) whether any of them had at any time acted as Malayalam Lecturer in the Arts College, and, if so, what is the period of his total service in the Education Department ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) 22-1-1934.

(*d*) About eleven months, of which five months' service was in English Schools.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member whether the degree holders of Annamala University are treated on a par with the degree holders of the Madras University for the purpose of recruitment into the Education Department ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : Yes, other things being equal.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know what are the other things the member has in view ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : For instance a first class man of the Madras University will be preferred to a second class man of the Annamala University.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Suppose both the candidates obtain the same class, one from the Madras University and the other from the Annamalai University, whom would you prefer ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : Again, I have to say other things being equal the standing of the University in that particular course of study will be considered.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether there was any application from any candidate who had passed the M. A. in Malayalam from the Madas University with distinction for the post of the junior lecturer in Malayalam ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : There was no such applicant as the member describes.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*) : What other oualification has Mr. P. N. Kunjan Pillai?

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Mr. R. M. Statham: He is a Vidwan in Malayalam.

Mr P. Padmanaban Tampi: Has he passed any examination in Travancore?

Mr. R. M. Statham: I do not think so.

Particulars regarding the answer given to question relating to maps prescribed in Vernacular Schools.

12. ✻ **Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai:** With reference to the statement that there was one set of instructions from the Office of the Director of Public Instruction and there was another set of instructions from the Office of the Inspector of Vernacular Schools and so on and so forth, contained in the answer given by Mr. Chandrasekharan on the 23rd August 1933 regarding the maps prescribed in the Vernacular Schools (page 260 of Volume I, No. 4 of the Proceedings of the Sri Chitra State Council), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why two different sets of instructions were issued on the same subject;

(*b*) what the instructions from the Office of the Director of Public Instruction were;

(*c*) what the instructions from the Office of the Inspector of Schools were;

(*d*) the result of the investigation stated therein;

(*e*) who investigated the matter;

(*f*) the contents of the report submitted by the investigating officer; and

(*g*) the final orders of Government on the subject?

Mr. R. M. Statham: (*a*) Mr. Brahmanayagam Pillai's wall map of Travancore (Malayalam) was prescribed for use in schools until maps prepared and printed by the Superintendent of Survey were available, and in the absence of better maps. Subsequently, a notification prescribing Mr. Brahmanayagam Pillai's map for use in schools until further notice was also published in the Gazette in April 1933. Two different sets of instructions, however, came to be issued on the subject due to an error of judgment on the part of the Inspector of Vernacular Schools.

(*b*) These instructions were to the effect that the wall map of Travancore prepared and published by Mr. Brahmanayagam Pillai was prescribed for use in schools until further notice, and that this map can be had of the publisher at Bh. Rs. (6) six only per copy.

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